

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-14, 16, and 17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 10-14, 16, and 17 have been allowed. Claims 7-9 are rejected. Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, and 14 are independent. Claims 7-9 are amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Action's indication that claims 1-6, 10-14, and 16-17 are allowed. Applicants believe the remaining claims are also now allowable at this time.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement citing three (3) references on March 21, 2008. So far, Applicants have not yet received the initialed copy of the Form 1449 indicating that the references have been considered. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the initialed Form be provided to confirm that the references have been considered.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 USC § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended the claims by adding the word “storage” to clarify that non-statutory signals are not covered. Support for “storage” is found in the original application, for example, at page 26, line 10 *et seq.*:

Computer-readable media are any available media that can be accessed within a computing environment. By way of example, and not limitation, with the computing environment (1400), computer-readable media include memory (1420), storage (1440), ~~communication media~~, and combinations of any of the above.

Accordingly, claims 7-9 are allowable under § 101.

For further clarification, Applicants have amended the specification to remove
“communication media” from the above paragraph.

Interview Request

If any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney to set up
an interview to discuss the application.

Conclusion


The claims in their present form should be allowable. Such action is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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